

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

The Public Information meeting to discuss the Golden Township Park At Silver Lake Sand Dunes development and grant applications was opened by the Supervisor, Donald Walsworth, at 7:00 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall, 5527 W. Fox Rd. Mears, Michigan.

Board Members Present: Don Walsworth, Connie Cargill, Kevin Ackley, Rachel Iteen

Board Members Absent: Carl Fuehring.

Also present: Jeff Auch and Chad Hipshire from Muskegon Conservation District and 14 guests.

Mr. Auch presented the draft of the new site plan for the park. The new long range plan includes many low maintenance amenities, new handicap bathrooms, playground equipment and new access road with plenty of parking and bike racks. Landscaping and site amenities will feature dune grass and other natural elements.

Some of the suggestions for the audience were:

1. A dog park in the NE triangle of land not in use.
2. Pickle Ball Court
3. Boche Ball Court
4. Splash Pad
5. Fountain
6. A Walking path to the lake with a deck for viewing/fishing in the Lake

Mr. Hipshire discussed the costs of the various items included in the MDNR Trust Fund Grant of \$261,368.40. This grant would require \$65,342.10 matching funds. The trust Fund Grant would be for the driveway, bathroom, pergola, pathways, landscaping, benches, bike racks, trash receptacles, etc.

The Passport Grant would allow a rest stop for: bikers, picnicking, and playing while accessing the bike trail. This would be for \$45,000.00 and would require an \$11,250 matching funds.

After discussion the public hearing was closed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk